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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.

Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27

Also attached: Petition for Extension of Time

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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Total Claims	31	31	0	\$18.00 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	4	4	0	\$84.00 =	\$0.00
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		Fee for extension of time			\$110.00
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Please charge my Deposit Account No. <u>500417</u> in the amount of \$110.00. An additional copy of this transmittal sheet is submitted herewith.

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Respectfully submitted,

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